

Remarks

The application has been amended to claim benefit of priority of the related applications and to amend claims to single dependency to reduce filing fees. New claims 27-29 have been added. Support for new claims 27-29 is found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

The description of the Figures has been amended to correspond to the Formal Drawings filed during prosecution of the corresponding PCT application (WO 99/46364), rather than the Informal Drawings as filed in the corresponding U.S. Application No. 09/042,105. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the specification do not add new matter.

The originally filed drawings of Figures 1A-E contain extraneous typographical data in the headers and axis labels. The corrected drawings submitted herewith delete the extraneous data, and thus do not constitute new matter. The originally filed drawings of Figures 25D-I contain typographical errors in the headers and axis labels. The drawings submitted herewith correct these typographical errors, and thus do not constitute new matter. Support for these amendments is found in the specification, for example, in Example 18.

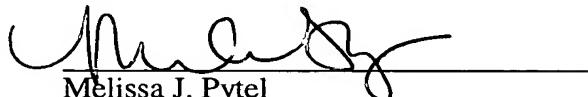
Extraneous pages 145-146 have been deleted and the following pages renumbered accordingly.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. No fee is believed due with this submission. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425.

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